

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations  
and is not a part of the Official Record

## **BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,  
please do not report the images to the  
Image Problem Mailbox.**

VIA FACSIMILE NO.: 703/746-9195PATENT  
DON01 P-1106

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit	:	2872	Confirmation No.: 5328
Applicants	:	Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek	
For	:	DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM	
United States Serial No.	:	10/623,689	
United States Filing Date	:	July 21, 2003	
Attorney Docket No.	:	DON01 P-1106	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: M. Stecharos, Customer Service Center  
Initial Patent Examination Division

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the following papers are being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

1. REPLY TO THE OFFICE'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT (2 pgs.); and
2. COPY OF THE FILING RECEIPT OF PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/353,026 AND DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY SHOWING THE CLAIM OF PRIORITY (2 pgs.).

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE A TOTAL OF FIVE (5) PAGES.

Dated: November 24, 2003.

Donna J. Raaymakers

Donna J. Raaymakers  
Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhardt, LLP  
2851 Charlevoix Dr., S.E., Suite 207  
Post Office Box 888695  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49588-8695  
(616) 988-4108

FSB:djr  
DON01 P-1106  
Enc.

VIA FACSIMILE NO.: 703/746-9195

P A T E N T  
DON01 P-1106

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit	:	2872	Confirmation No.: 5328
Applicants	:	Eric J. Hoekstra and Kenneth L. Schierbeek	
For	:	DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM	
United States Serial No.	:	10/623,689	
United States Filing Date	:	July 21, 2003	
Attorney Docket No.	:	DON01 P-1106	

---

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: M. Steeharos, Customer Service Center  
Initial Patent Examination Division

Dear Sir:

REPLY TO THE OFFICE'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED  
FILING RECEIPT

On October 29, 2003, the undersigned filed a request for a Corrected Filing Receipt. A Response to Applicants' request was mailed on November 14, 2003. The Response denied Applicants' claim for priority to provisional application Serial No. 60/117,633 filed January 28, 1999, and provisional application Serial No. 60/103,721, filed October 9, 1998. It is not clear what the basis is for the denial of Applicants' request. The form stated that the claim for priority could not be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim.

It is submitted that Applicants are entitled to claim the benefit of the above-identified provisional patent applications. United States patent application Serial No. 09/353,026, filed on July 13, 1999, and now United States Patent No. 6,056,410, claims priority from the above-identified provisional patent applications. Attached is a copy of the Filing Receipt from this

Applicants : Eric J. Hoekstra et al.  
United States Serial No. : 10/623,689  
Page : 2

patent application along with a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney under which the claim of priority was made. Accordingly, Applicants' are entitled to claim the benefit of these provisional patent applications as part of the chain of priority.

The claim of priority should read as follows on the Corrected Filing Receipt:

The Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant should be listed as:

--This application is a CON of 10/285,008 10/31/2002 PAT 6,595,649  
which is a CON of 10/173,479 06/17/2002 PAT 6,474,820  
which is a CON of 09/973,097 10/09/2001 PAT 6,406,152  
which is a CON of 09/820,017 03/28/2001 PAT 6,299,315  
which is a CON of 09/519,767 03/06/2000 PAT 6,210,008  
which is a DIV of 09/353,026 07/13/1999 PAT 6,056,410  
which is a CIP of 08/832,380 04/02/1997 PAT 6,089,721  
and further claims the benefit of 60/103,721 10/09/1998 and  
60/117,633 01/28/1999--

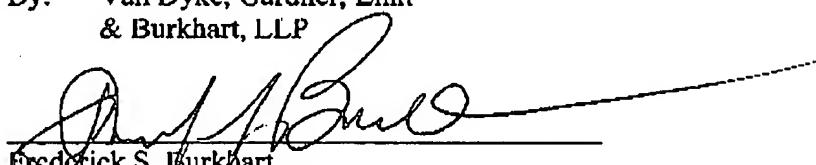
Please note that the undersigned had filed a Second Request for Corrected Filing Receipt prior to receipt of the attached Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt. This reply supersedes the Second Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.

A request for a Corrected Filing Receipt is hereby made.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC J. HOEKSTRA and  
KENNETH L. SCHIERBEEK

By: Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn  
& Burkhart, LLP



Frederick S. Burkhart  
Registration No. 29 288  
2851 Charlevoix Dr., S.E., Suite 207  
Post Office Box 888695  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49588-8695  
(616) 988-4104

Dated: November 24, 2003.

FSB:djr  
DON01 P-1106

## FILING RECEIPT



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER  
OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	DRWGS	TOT CL	IND CL
09/353,026	07/13/99	2872	\$1,516.00	DON01-P-740	5	62	3

FREDERICK S BURKHART  
VAN DYKE GARDNER LINN & BURKHART LLP  
2851 CHARLEVOIX DRIVE SE SUITE 207  
POST OFFICE BOX 888695  
GRAND RAPIDS MI 49588-8695

Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" ("Missing Parts Notice") in this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the "Missing Parts Notice." When the PTO processes the reply to the "Missing Parts Notice," the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s) ERIC J. HOEKSTRA, HOLLAND, MI; KENNETH L. SCHIERBEEK, ZEELAND, MI.

## CONTINUING DATA AS CLAIMED BY APPLICANT-

THIS APPLN IS A CON OF 08/832,380 04/02/97  
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO. 60/103,721 10/09/98  
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO. 60/117,633 01/28/99

IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED 08/06/99  
TITLE  
DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY CLASS: 359

RECEIVED

AUG 17 1999

VANDYKE, GARDNER  
LINN & BURKHART, LLP.

DATA ENTRY BY: KING, DORIS

TEAM: 04 DATE: 08/06/99



(See reverse for new important information)

Express Mail #EL349885376US

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor, if plural names are listed below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DIGITAL ELECTROCHROMIC MIRROR SYSTEM, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the Office), all information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Section 1.56.

### CLAIM OF PRIORITY

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the above-identified specification, including claims, disclosures and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior copending application(s), listed below, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office, all information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Serial No. 08/832,380, filed on April 2, 1997, and now pending.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application listed below:

U.S. Serial No. 60/103,721 filed on October 9, 1998; and

U.S. Serial No. 60/117,633 filed on January 28, 1999.

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the patent law firm of Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhardt, LLP, P.O. Box 288695, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49588-8695, telephone number 616/975-5500, facsimile number 616/975-5505, and the individual patent attorneys and patent agents at such patent law firm, namely, Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25 975; Terence J. Linn, Reg. No. 30 283; Frederick S. Burkhardt, Reg. No. 29 288; Catherine S. Collins, Reg. No. 37 599; Matthew L. Gaska, Reg. No. 42 594; Anthony A. Bimila, Reg. No. 40 913; and Timothy A. Flory, Reg. No. 42 540, my attorney(s) or agent(s) with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in and to receive all correspondence from the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

Sole or First joint inventor:

E. J. Mockstra 7-13-99  
Date  
Eric J. Mockstra  
Citizenship: United States of America  
Residence: 16418 Ransom Road  
Holland, MI 49424  
Post Office Address: 16418 Ransom Road  
Holland, MI 49424

Second joint inventor:

Kenneth L. Schierbeck 7/13/99  
Date  
Kenneth L. Schierbeck  
Citizenship: United States of America  
Residence: 8644 Fairview Lane  
Zeeland, MI 49464  
Post Office Address: 8644 Fairview Lane  
Zeeland, MI 49464